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## **MARION MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Edward E. McNally, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on March 2, 2006, **TERRY LEE THRAMS**, age 45, of Marion, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. **THRAMS** was sentenced to 63 months imprisonment, was fined \$500, and was placed on 3 years supervised release.

**THRAMS** had previously pleaded guilty to a one count Information, charging possession of child pornography that had been mailed, or shipped or transported in interstate commerce.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI Southern Illinois Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Marion Police Department, the Carbondale Police Department, and the Southern Illinois University Police Department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

The United States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities, is actively investigating and prosecuting individuals who produce, distribute, or possess child pornography, or are involved in the exploitation of children. Anyone with information concerning the use of the Internet for the purposes of trafficking in child pornography or for child exploitation is encouraged to contact their local police department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.